

REMARKS

Claims 55, 57-61, 63-66, 68-69, and 71-81 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

1. Applicants note with appreciation that the reply filed October 19, 2004 has been entered in full.
2. Applicants note that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph has been withdrawn in view of amendments' amendments filed October 19, 2004.
3. Claims 55, 63, 64, 69 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting in view of US Patent No. 6,326,201. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer which is believed to obviate the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

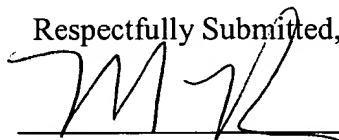
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. ESCL-P02-060.**

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